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MEMORANDUM

TO: ISD Superintendents
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Public School Academy Directors

FROM: Michael P. Flanagan,  Superintendent of Public Instruction

SUBJECT: Clarification of determination of state aid for Public School Academies (PSAs) with multiple sites, and when PSAs change and add sites

Section 20(6) of the State School Aid Act of 1979 (MCL 388.1620) provides that:

...the allocation calculated under this section is an amount per membership pupil other than special education pupils in the public school academy or university school equal to the sum of the local school operating revenue per membership pupil other than special education pupils for the district in which the public school academy or university school is located and the state portion of that district's foundation allowance, or the sum of the basic foundation allowance under subsection (1) plus \$300.00, whichever is less.

The addition of multiple sites and change in locations of PSAs over the years necessitates clarification as to how the Michigan Department of Education (MDE) determines the foundation grant for a PSA.

- Changes in location do not result in district code changes.
- The state aid allocation for PSAs with multiple sites is based upon the foundation allowance for the district in which the original PSA site is located.
- The per pupil state aid rate to be paid will be redetermined when a PSA relocates its original site. The new rate will be based upon the foundation allowance in effect for the district in which the new site is located.
- The location of the site of a school's administrative office will not affect the per pupil amount to be paid.
- When a new PSA is authorized, and when a site is added to an existing PSA, MDE will confirm the correct school district boundaries in which the PSA or site is located through consultation with the Intermediate School District (ISD).

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- If the PSA relocates from the original site to a site within the boundaries of a different ISD, the ISD where the PSA is newly located is responsible to ensure that the PSA is included in that ISD's Plan for Special Education and that the PSA has the same rights under the ISD Plan for Special Education that all LEAs located in that ISD have.
- If the PSA adds a new building or program located within the boundaries of a different ISD from where the PSA originally opened (but also maintains the original site), the ISD where the PSA originally opened is responsible to ensure that the PSA is included in the original ISD's Plan for Special Education and that the PSA has the same rights under the ISD Plan for Special Education that all LEAs located within that ISD have.